Setting of fund for Urban Development

†2539. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked State Government to set up a fund for urban development;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to the States keeping in view their poor economic condition;

(c) if so, by when the above assistance is likely to be provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) No formal proposal has been made by the Union Government to the State Governments regarding setting up of Urban Development Fund.

Formulation of National Policy for benefit of slum dwellers

†2540. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people live in the slum clusters in almost all the cities of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate a National Policy for the benefit of slum dwellers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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